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TO PARTIES OF RECORD AND PARTIES TO APPLICATION 09-03-006:

This is the proposed decision of Examiner Ryan Dulin. Until and unless the Commission hears the item and votes to approve it, the proposed decision has no legal effect. This item may be heard, at the earliest, at the Commission's October 1, 2015 Business Meeting. To confirm when the item will be heard, please see the Business Meeting agenda, which is posted on the Commission's website 10 days before each Business Meeting.

Parties of record may file comments on the proposed decision as provided in Rule 14.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

/s/ KAREN V. CLOPTON

Karen V. Clopton, Chief
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision **PROPOSED DECISION OF EXAMINER RYAN DULIN**
(Mailed 9/1/2015)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Calaveras Telephone
Company (U1004C) for Rehearing of
Resolution T-17184

Application 09-03-006
(Filed March 2, 2009)

DECISION CLOSING PROCEEDING

Summary

This decision closes the proceeding as all outstanding issues have been resolved.

1. Background

On December 21, 2007, Calaveras Telephone Company (Calaveras) filed a General Rate Case (GRC) request through Advice Letter (AL) 303. On January 29, 2009, the Commission addressed AL 303 by adopting Resolution (Res.) T-17184, which authorized Calaveras' intrastate revenue requirement, and the resulting California High Cost Fund A (CHCF-A) support for Test Year (TY) 2009 beginning on January 1, 2009. One of the revenue requirement components addressed in Res. T-17184 was Calaveras' Employee Profit Sharing Plan (EPSP), the cost of which was limited to a 10 percent employer's contribution by Calaveras to the EPSP. In AL 303, Calaveras had requested approval of a 15% employer's contribution to the EPSP with no contribution from employees or shared contributions from shareholders.

In March 2009, Calaveras filed A.09-03-006, an application for rehearing of Res. T-17184, to address the issue of ratepayer contribution to the EPSP. The

Commission issued Decision (D.) 09-10-057 in October 2009, granting a limited rehearing on the issue related to the ratepayer funding of Calaveras' EPSP.

After further consideration of the limited rehearing issue, the Commission issued Res. T-17336, adopting no change to the employer's contribution of 10%, and finding it reasonable for Calaveras to absorb the remaining 5% through employee or shareholder contribution. Res. T-17184 denied Calaveras' request for a 15% ratepayer funding to its EPSP and affirmed that Calaveras' CHCF-A support for TY 2009 remained at \$2,148,967.

2. Discussion

Res. T-17336 resolved the remaining limited rehearing issue. Because the issue in A.09-03-006 has been resolved, there is no reason for this proceeding to remain open. We therefore close A.09-03-006.

3. Comments on Proposed Decision

The proposed decision of Examiner Dulin in this matter was mailed to the parties in accordance with Section 311 of the Public Utilities Code and comments were allowed under Rule 14.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The 13 Small Local Exchange Carriers, the California High-Cost Fund A-Administrative Committee, and the service lists of Rulemaking 01-08-002 and Application 99-09-044 were notified of the availability of this draft decision. Comments were filed on _____, and reply comments were filed on _____.

4. Assignment of Proceeding

Ryan Dulin is the assigned Examiner in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. D.09-10-057 granted a limited rehearing of Res. T-17184 on the issue of ratepayer funding of Calaveras' EPSP.
2. The Commission subsequently issued Resolution T-17336 and adopted no change to the employer's contribution to the EPSP of 10 percent.
3. Resolution T-17336 effectively resolved the remaining issue in A.09-03-006 and there are no other pending issues.

Conclusion of Law

1. A.09-03-006 should be closed.

O R D E R

1. Application 09-03-006 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, 2015, at San Francisco, California